

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE****METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR WIDE-SPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF  
ELECTRONIC CONTENT IN A PEER TO PEER FASHION**

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A method, program and system for distributing information in a computer network are provided. The invention comprises dividing an electronic file into a plurality of pieces and then downloading a file piece to the first client machine to request that file piece. If a second client machine requests the same file piece, the request is redirected to the first client. The first client then functions as a peer-to-peer server and  
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15 downloads the requested file piece to the second client.

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